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Applicant argues on p 9 of the remarks filed 1/28/2009 that the proposed claim amendments do not require a new search or consideration. The examiner respectfully disagrees. The proposed amendment, deleting "without the use of chemical anchors" from claim 7, for instance, does appear to address the rejections under USC 112 first and second paragraphs raised in the last office action. However, "without the use of a chemical anchor" also served to distinguish the claimed subject matter from the prior art.

Accordingly, applicant's proposed amendment appears to again read on one or more combinations of references of record and therein require additional search and consideration with regard to obviousness under 35 USC 103. Additionally, applicant's proposed amendments alters the scope of the claimed subject matter by limiting the top layer having exposed carboxyl groups, which has not yet been searched.

Furthermore, there is no reason why the proposed amendments were not presented earlier in prosecution. See 37 CFR 1.116 (b)(3).

In light of the fact that the proposed amendments, filed 1/28/2009, after final rejection will not be entered, Applicant's arguments filed 1/28/2009 (see p 10-11) are rendered moot.

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